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### 1. WASHINGTON POST:

ACCORDING TO NEWS DISPATCHES, MOZAMBIQUE HAS AGAIN CLAIMED THAT RHODESIAN FORCES USING JETS, BOMBERS, AND HELICOPTERS HAD CROSSED ITS BORDER AND ATTACKED A MOZAMBIQUE ARMY BASE. THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT HAS HAD NO COMMENT ON THESE REPORTS. IN GENEVA, TALKS HIT ANOTHER SNAG WHEN NKOMO AND MUGABE CRITICIZED A BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR INDEPENDENCE IN 15 MONTHS, BUT THEY DID NOT QUIT THE MEETING, ALTHOUGH ANOTHER MEETING DATE WAS NOT SET. IN SALISBURY, OFFICIALS REPORTED 29 BLACK GUERRILLAS HAD BEEN KILLED BY SECURITY FORCES IN RHODESIA. IT WAS THE LARGEST NUMBER KILLED IN A SINGLE ACTION IN FOUR YEARS OF FIGHTING. COMMENTING ON NKOMO AND MUGABE'S DEMAND, IVOR RICHARD SAID IT WAS "QUITE IMPOSSIBLE" FOR BRITAIN TO ACCEPT THE DEC. 1, 1977 DATE.

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SUDAN HAS BEEN DECLARED ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE AMERICAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT. GEORGE WILSON REPORTS ON THE ADMINISTRATION MOVE AND DESCRIBES IT AS A MAJOR EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE SUDAN TO PLAY A ROLE AS A BUFFER STATE TO

THE MORE RADICAL ARAB AND AFRICAN STATES ADJOINING IT. NO ONE IS DISCLOSING WHAT U.S. MILITARY ITEMS SUDAN WOULD LIKE TO BUY. CONGRESS WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE ANY MILITARY PURCHASES OVER \$25 MILLION AND BE INFORMED OF ANY OVER \$7 MILLION UNDER THE NEW ARMS CONTROL ACT. SUDAN IS EXPECTED TO "BEEF UP" ITS BORDER DEFENSE WITH LIBYA ONCE INTERNAL SECURITY IN KHARTOUM ITSELF IS IMPROVED.

A PROJECTED 20-VOLUME WORK, ENCYCLOPAEDIA AFRICANA, WHICH WILL BE AN EXHAUSTIVE BIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE WORK ABOUT INFLUENTIAL PERSONALITIES IN AFRICAN HISTORY, WILL GET UNDER WAY EARLY NEXT YEAR. HOLLIE WEST REPORTS THAT THE FIRST VOLUME WILL SELL FOR \$59.95.

THE DEATH TOLL IS STILL CLIMBING IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOLD MINE EXPLOSION, WHICH HAS NOW CLAIMED 12 LIVES.

OUSTED NIGERIAN LEADER GOWON WAS ONE OF SIX NIGERIANS WHO ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED PAY-OFF BRIBES FROM THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP., ACCORDING TO A NIGERIAN OFFICIAL.

IN A STORY FROM THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN ON THE EXPULSION FROM BRITAIN OF AMERICAN REPORTER, MARK HOSENBALL, THERE IS A REFERENCE TO HOSENBALL WORKING ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF HAROLD WILSON'S STATEMENT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN INTERESTS WERE SEEKING TO UNDERMINE BRITISH DEMOCRACY.

## 2. NEW YORK TIMES:

THE BRITISH COMPROMISE PROPOSALS FOR A FLEXIBLE TRANSITION PERIOD WERE REJECTED TODAY BY NKOMO AND MUGABE. DESPITE THE RIGIDITY OF THE STAND OF THE TWO NATIONALIST LEADERS, HOWEVER THERE WAS NO SUGGESTION FROM ANY SIDE THAT THE TALKS WERE ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE.

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THE TIMES CARRIES STORIES ON THE MOZAMBIQUE CHARGES OF FURTHER RHODESIAN RAIDS AND ALSO A STORY BY PETER KILBORN ON THE DEPORTATION OF MARK HOSENBALL.

JOHN DARNTON REPORTS ON THE SOCIAL SEASON ARRIVING IN LAGOS NOW THAT THE RAINY SEASON IS OVER.

UGANDA SAYS ITS TROOPS SPARED ISRAELI RAIDERS. A REPORT ISSUED BY THE MILITARY ABSOLVED UGANDA IN THE DEATH OF DORA BLOCH AND SAID THAT UGANDAN TROOPS COULD HAVE SHOT DOWN THE ISRAELI PLANES BUT DID NOT DO SO ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

HEARST, THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, INTERVIEWED IAN SMITH AND REPORTED THAT SMITH SAID HE CONTINUES TO GET ARMS FROM SOUTH AFRICA. SMITH HAS DENIED THE ASSERTION.

3. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

AP REPORTS FROM GENEVA THAT NKOMO AND MUGABE HAVE REJECTED A COMPROMISE OFFERED BY THE BRITISH CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN IVOR RICHARD. THEY SAID THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF BREAKING OFF THE CONFERENCE BUT INSIST THAT BRITAIN MUST FIX A DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

JUNE GOODWIN REPORTS FROM JOHANNESBURG ON SOUTH AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HELP BRIDGE THE APARTHEID DIVIDE. INCLUDED AMONG THESE ARE CHURCH GROUPS, THEATERS AND OTHER CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS.

THE BALTIMORE SUN:

A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BY THOMAS B. EDSALL REPORTS THAT CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN ROBERT E. BAUMAN OF MARYLAND'S FIRST DISTRICT IS TRAVELING TO SOUTH AFRICA AT THE EXPENSE OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION BASED IN PRETORIA. THE TRIP IS THE OUTGROWTH OF AN EARLIER EFFORT BY WERNER J. ACKERMANN A SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO IN 1974 AND 1975 FINANCED TRAVEL BY CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE FOREIGN UNCLASSIFIED

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AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION DEPENDS UPON THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENTS OF INFORMATION AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION AND ARRANGE INTERVIEWS FOR ITS VISITORS. BAUMAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE ARRANGED A DINNER IN HONOR OF ADMIRAL HUGO H. BIERMANN IN 1974. BIERMANN'S VISIT CREATED A CONTROVERSY BECAUSE OF HIS EFFORT TO AVOID CONTACTS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

AP REPORTS FROM JOHANNESBURG THAT MORE THAN 600 BLACK STUDENTS HAVE FLED SOUTH AFRICA TO NEIGHBORING BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND TO AVOID ARREST.

AP REPORTS FROM DAR ES SALAAM THAT RHODESIAN FORCES USING JETS, BOMBERS AND HELICOPTERS HAD CROSSED THE BORDER AND ATTACKED A MOZAMBIQUE ARMY BASE.

AP REPORTS FROM GENEVA THAT TWO BLACK NATIONALISTS  
LEADERS REJECTED ANOTHER BRITISH COMPROMISE OFFER ON  
THE DEADLINE FOR MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, AND DEMANDED  
THAT A DATE BE SET FOR CONCLUDING THE CONFERENCE ON THE  
FUTURE OF THE REBEL BRITISH COLONY.  
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